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## **INL announces grants for innovation in the classroom**

Improving math, science and technology education is crucial to our nation's global competitiveness and future economic prosperity. In support of the goal to provide enhanced educational opportunities to Idaho students, Idaho National Laboratory awarded \$70,000 in grants to teachers across the state to foster innovative projects and programs.

The INL Mini Grant program provides teachers up to \$2,000 per grant to support public and private elementary, middle school and high school science, mathematics and technology programs. This year, INL awarded 41 grants to Idaho teachers in grades K-12 to fund classroom equipment, materials and professional development. The grants come from Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA) corporate funds. BEA is the managing and operating contractor of INL for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Applications were evaluated by a panel of judges based on specific criteria. Teachers are required to provide information on how learning objectives and curriculum concepts will be enhanced and how the project or program will improve student interest and achievement.

The following is a list of the teachers and schools receiving INL Teacher Mini Grants for 2007:

Arco: Donna McCurdy, Arco Elementary School  
Arimo: Marilyn Mikkelsen, Marsh Valley High School  
Bellevue : Krista Jones, Bellevue Elementary School

Boise: Chris Taylor, Liberty Elementary School  
Boise: Richard Whittaker, Collister Elementary School  
Boise: Kate Anderson, East Junior High School  
Boise: Jaret Stump, East Junior High School  
Boise: Linda Stokes, Collister Elementary School  
Boise: Jan Kerfoot, Cynthia Mann Elementary School  
Boise: Martha Matson, Treasure Valley Math & Science  
Boise: John Pederson, Riverstone International

Burley: Carrie Carson, Burley High School  
Burley: Adrienne Shilling, Burley High School

Eagle: Jan Ramirez, Galileo Math & Science  
Eagle: Joannah Shosutarian, Galileo Math & Science  
Eagle: Dave Harrison, Galileo Math & Science  
Eagle: Julie Chamberlin, Galileo Math & Science  
Eagle: Susan Darden, Galileo Math & Science

Hailey: Larry Barnes, Wood River High School  
Hailey: Matthew Phillips, Wood River High School

Idaho Falls: Thomas Kohler, Idaho Falls High School  
Idaho Falls: Joseph Timchak, Taylorview Junior High School  
Idaho Falls: Ben Walters, White Pine Charter  
Idaho Falls: Randy Waite, Hillcrest High School  
Idaho Falls: Sharon Oliver, Idaho Falls High School

Nampa: Helen Tjemsland, Owhyee Elementary School  
Parma: Gary Martin, Parma Middle School  
Pinehurst: Janel Fisher, Pinehurst Elementary School  
Pocatello: Christenia Coast, Pocatello Community Charter

Rexburg: Travis Phillips, Madison High School  
Rexburg: Rylan Ricks, Madison High School  
Rigby: Laron Johnson, Rigby Junior High School

Salmon: Tracy Burgess, Salmon High School  
Shelley: Vince Wray, Shelley High School  
Shelley: Jill Wray, Hobbs Middle School  
Shelley: Michael Winston, Hobbs Middle School  
Shelley: Sean O'Brady, Sunrise Elementary School

Twin Falls: Connie Petersen, Harrison Elementary School  
Twin Falls: Terry Nelson, Magic Valley Christian  
Wendell: Lisa Love, Wendell High School  
Wendell: Holly Church, Wendell High School

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